

HOME EDITION

MONDAY EVENING.

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VOTING IS LIGHT
AT CITY ELECTIONTopeka Isn't Excited Over Her
Commission Primary.Apparently Little Anxiety Over
Fate of 26 Candidates.

A BIG STAY-AT-HOME VOTE

One Voter Designates It as
"Chautauqua Salute Affair."Ten Candidates Will Be Eliminated
Today.

Lack of interest, light voting and little excitement characterized the city primary election for the nomination of candidates for the commission form in Topeka today. The voters of the city, apparently content with the feeling that their neighbors will assume the responsibility of eliminating ten of the twenty-six candidates in the primaries, are staying at home until the returns begin to come in this evening.

It is Topeka's fourth primary election under the commission form of government. More than 18,500 persons are eligible to vote. There are 26 candidates, 10 of whom will be eliminated under the primary election today. Two will be nominated for mayor, two for finance commissioner, two for waterworks commissioner, two for streets commissioner, two for parks commissioner and two for school board. The ten candidates to be eliminated are among the list for mayor and commissioners. All candidates for school board will be nominated despite the results. Voting today is in progress in 32 precincts of six wards.

The polls opened at 6 o'clock this morning and close at 7 o'clock this evening. Returns will be posted on the State Journal bulletin board beginning at 8 o'clock.

A New Chautauqua Affair.
"It's a chautauqua salute affair," declared one of the few persons who voted early. "No one is whooping it up for any of the candidates. There is no rah-rah stuff. There are very few vehicles hauling voters to the polls. I didn't see any decorated with streamers."

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CHIEF IS COMING

Head of Sioux Reservation in
Topeka This Week.Interesting Character Will Be
Guest of L. L. Kiene.

Chief Johnson, of the Sioux reservation at Standing Rock, South Dakota, will arrive in Topeka Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning from Clay Center, where he is visiting friends.



Chief Johnson wears full Indian regalia, head dress, blanket, feathers, and all, and he will be a picturesque figure on the streets. He is a graduate of Carlisle and speaks fluently nine different languages. He is 28 years old and was a member of the famous Carlisle football team in 1907 and 1908. He has traveled around the world and is a most interesting conversationalist.

This distinguished red man has a mission and when he is not engaged in school work he travels around the country conducting a campaign to arouse public sentiment to have his people released from the reservation and being given the right of citizenship. An effort is being made to have the chief deliver a lecture in Topeka and it has been suggested that he make a plea for the preservation of the ancient Indian landmarks which have been started here by the Daughters of the American Revolution. He will probably speak in Topeka Wednesday evening if a suitable hall can be obtained.

While in Topeka Chief Johnson will be the guest of L. L. Kiene.

MAIL FOR SOLDIERS.

Berlin, March 29.—The Imperial postoffice has met the numerous complaints of slow service of the so-called "field post" by publishing some statistics showing the enormous amount of work carried on by this branch of the service. The field post takes every day 3,000,000 pieces of mail for distribution among the soldiers at the front and in garrison; and it sends back from the front 2,000,000 pieces, not to mention some 325,000 pieces sent from one army to the other. The mail sent to the front must first be assorted according to troop organizations into 14,000 piles, and the letters alone fill 30,000 bags daily.

BACK TO OLD PLAYS.

London, March 29.—A feature of the theatrical season in London has been the unusual number of "revivals" staged in the various theaters. At the present time out of twenty-eight first class play houses open to the public, seventeen are presenting old plays. One theater giving classical repertory of Shakespeare, Sheridan, Goldsmith, and Lytton. The others are reviving popular successes of the past ten or twenty years, such as *Flora, Are You a Mason*, and *The Flag Lieutenant*.

TWO RULERS MEET

Kaiser and Austrian Emperor
in Secret Conference.Subject: How to Keep Italy
Out of the War.

(By J. W. T. Mason.)

New York, March 29.—The recent suggestion in this column that the German emperor would visit Franz Josef before the Italian situation led to war, is confirmed by reports from various European news centers that the two monarchs have just had a secret meeting.

The situation, therefore, between Italy and Austria must now be approaching its final state. It is probable, in fact, that Austria has tentatively agreed to surrender the Trentino to Italy but that the future sovereignty of the Italian peninsula is now the subject of closing negotiations.

Emperor Wilhelm, while being ready enough to ally himself with the inland Trentine district to the peninsula kingdom, can not have brought any considerable pressure to bear on Austria to relinquish the Italian coast.

For Austria to do this would be to make herself virtually an inland empire and thus mark her certain decline. There seems to be reason to believe that differences of opinion exist among Italians concerning the advisability of going to war to secure Italy, if Austria is willing to purchase neutrality by surrendering the Trentine alone.

FUNSTON GUARDS

He Is Keeping Watch on Situation
at Matamoros.Mexicans Warned Not to Shoot
Across the River.

Washington, March 29.—Three battalions of artillery have been ordered to Brownsville.

Washington, March 29.—War department officials feel that American forces already at Brownsville, Tex., are ample to protect the town during the fighting between the Mexican factions at Matamoros, across the Rio Grande. At Brownsville, Col. Blockson has a squadron of the Third cavalry, a machine gun platoon and Battery D of the Sixth field artillery. Nearby up the river are two squadrons of the Twelfth cavalry. Additional troops could be sent by train from Ft. Sam Houston at San Antonio, Tex., or Ft. McIntosh at Laredo, a day's ride. Secretary Breckinridge said today that Col. Blockson, in warning the Mexicans not to fire into American territory acted under instructions of long standing.

He said that under no circumstances would the fire be returned without direct instructions from Washington. Major Blockson's order to stop the firing of the wounded Mexican forces in the capital city of Mexico, Texas territory was also under a general instruction forbidding the admission of refugees from battle except where humanity demands it.

Major General Funston, commanding the border forces, reported today that General Villa has sixteen field guns and a large number of machine guns, while the Carranza forces have fifteen field guns and thirty or more machine guns. General Funston added neither faction had artillery yesterday. The arrival of the field guns here increased the apprehension of officials here. The field pieces have a long range and Brownsville is only about a mile and a half from Matamoros.

Secretary Bryan, without making public the content of the dispatch, said he had word from General Garza in Mexico City that he would give immediate consideration to the food situation in the capital. Word also came that order prevailed in Monterey.

From the American consul at Matamoros, who went to Brownsville to send a dispatch, came a puzzling report that General Villa had fired into Matamoros from the American side and that two men had been wounded. No shots had been fired into American territory, he said. Secretary Bryan said that he had caused warnings to be sent to the Carranza and Villa commanders not to fire across the line so as to endanger American lives and property.

BIG DAY IN HAY.

Largest Receipts at K. C. Ever Before
Reported in Any Market.

Kansas City, March 29.—Two hundred and forty-nine carloads of hay arrived in Kansas City today, said to be the largest supply ever reported at any market in one day. It exceeded the previous largest supply here which was reported last Monday, by forty-six carloads.

The supply in Kansas City today was larger than the combined receipts in Chicago, St. Louis and New Orleans, the three other markets that claim supremacy in hay trade.

Most of the hay, which was alfalfa and prairie, came from Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Colorado. Since the first of the year weekly receipts of hay have amounted to 750 to 950 carloads and for the year thus far more hay has been received in Kansas City than in any previous similar period.

Weather Forecast for Kansas.
Unsettled tonight and Tuesday; probably showers and warmer tonight.

DIED IN HOME OF
WOMAN FRIENDDavid Storrier Shot in Company
of Mrs. Margaret Hand.Mysterious Death, Evidently
Suicide, at Noon Today.

KILLED HIMSELF, SHE SAID

Came In to Ask for a Room to
Rent, Is Story.Police Tell of Reported Inti-
macy Between Two.

What passed between David Storrier and Mrs. Margaret Hand before the fatal bullet was fired into his breast at her house at 131 Jackson

U. S. TROOPS ON MEXICAN BORDER IN CONSTANT READINESS



Top, a battalion drill at Brownsville, Texas; bottom, a field battery, cavalry and infantry on review at the fort grounds.

Uncle Sam's soldier boys are guarding the Mexican border and are keeping in constant training at Fort Brown, Brownsville, Texas, to be prepared for any duty to which their country may call them. The men are having excellent camp life in the meanwhile. Drills and hikes, with plenty of amusement, leisure and good food are the daily routine of the regulars.

street at noon today?

The question must be clearly answered before the real explanation of his death, evidently suicide, is determined by the coroner's jury tomorrow morning.

Storrier died with a .32 caliber revolver bullet through his heart. He was found by those rescued, no assistance. A fishing boat appeared on the scene and saved 140 of the passengers and crew. Captain Davis of the liner was picked up dead. Eight other bodies were recovered. The survivors were landed at Milfordhaven.

Crew Is Saved.
London, March 29.—The British steamer *Agulla* was sunk by a German submarine this morning off Bishop's Rock. Her crew of 23 men was saved.

ANXIOUS FOR PEACE.

Hungarian Leaders Are Urging Inde-
pendent Negotiations.

Paris, March 29.—Hungarian political leaders alarmed at the fall of Petrograd and the advance of the Russians through the Carpathians, are urging that the dual monarchy attempt a separate peace, according to Geneva dispatches received here today.

Count Tisza, the Hungarian premier, has been urged to take a strong stand for peace, according to Geneva dispatches, but has consistently refused. Hungarian statesmen are said to be convinced that Italy's entrance into the war on the side of the allies is only a matter of a few weeks.

WILSON INVITED OUT.

He Will Eat Luncheon With the Ar-
gentine Ambassador.

Annapolis, Md., March 29.—The naval yacht *Mayflower*, with President Wilson and party on board, arrived off Annapolis harbor this morning and anchored near the new Argentine battleship *Moreno*. President Wilson is to be the guest of honor at luncheon given by the Argentine ambassador, Dr. Naon, on board the battleship this afternoon.

First Game of Season Sunday.

The first real baseball game of the season was played in Topeka at the City park Sunday afternoon between the Topeka Braves and the Federals. The former winning by the score of 10 to 4. Owing to the infancy of the season, both teams made many errors, but the pitching was unusually good. Price, twirled for the Braves and Musick for the Federals.

ELECTION RETURNS.

In accordance with its custom for
many years, the State Journal will
give election returns this evening.

SINK TWO SHIPS

The Germans Torpedo More
British Merchant Vessels.It Is Believed Loss of Life Has
Been Heavy.

London, March 29.—The British steamer *Falaba* has been sunk by a German submarine. The *Falaba* was sent to the bottom yesterday off Milfordhaven, an inlet on the coast of South Wales. The loss of life probably was heavy.

The *Falaba* left Liverpool on Saturday for the west coast of Africa with 140 passengers and with a crew of 120 men. Her officers state that when the German submarine appeared it whistled thrice as a signal for the steamer to prepare her lifeboats, but

FIELDS FILLED
WITH CHILDRENAustria-Hungary Throws Pop-
ulation Into Farms.Feverish Efforts to Begin Her
Growing Crops.

TO ORGANIZE CHILD LABOR

Every Available Person Must
Work for Existence.Small Children Pick Caterpil-
lars From Fruit Trees.

Venice, March 29.—Next to war, Austria-Hungary is devoting her greatest energies to agriculture. "If we can only obtain sufficient labor,"

NEW FOOD FOR MAN.

Berlin, March 29.—Dr. Hans Friedenthal, inventor of the new process for converting straw into food both for human beings and animals, has now, according to Vorwarts, made the announcement that all non-poisonous substances, including skins, peellings and the bark of trees, may be converted into wholesome eating matter for man if thoroughly disintegrated and properly treated.

"SITTING ON LID"

Italian Statesmen Trying Hard
to Delay War MovementBut Military Preparations Are
Progressing Rapidly.

(By Alice Rohe.)

Rome, March 29.—Italian statesmen of the more conservative school are now bringing every ounce of pressure to bear upon the government to prevent any hasty action that would plunge Italy into the war. Military preparations are continuing but there is every evidence that the Salandra cabinet is moving slowly and there will be no ultimatum until the resources of diplomacy have been exhausted.

The authorities not only quickly dispersed a demonstration in front of the Austrian embassy yesterday, but also announced today that eighteen participants will be severely dealt with.

KILLED BY A TRAIN

J. P. Kelly Struck by Santa Fe
in South Topeka.Knocked From Shunganunga
Bridge—Died in Few Minutes.

John P. Kelley, an aged Frenchman, was killed by Santa Fe train No. 5, on the Shunganunga bridge in South Topeka at noon today.

Mr. Kelly, who is 84 years old and partly deaf, was walking south along the Santa Fe track. Apparently he did not hear the train approaching. He had just started across the bridge when he was struck. The old man was injured about the head and chest. He lived about half an hour after the accident.

The railroad track curves just north of the bridge and the crew could not see Kelly in time to stop. After the engine struck him, Engineer Beeler stopped his train, picked up the old man and backed into the depot with him. He died a few minutes after reaching the station.

The train left immediately, so it was impossible to obtain a statement from the crew, but it is said that Kelly was knocked off the bridge. Dr. Freeman was called.

The body was taken to Shellebarger's undertaking rooms. Kelly lived at 1634 Western avenue.

C. W. COOK IS DEAD

Old Resident of Topeka Strick-
en With Apoplexy.He Was Slugged in Office Sev-
eral Months Ago.

C. W. Cook, an old resident of Topeka and a veteran of the Civil war, was stricken with apoplexy at his office Sunday and died at 9:30 this morning at St. Francis hospital.

Mr. Cook was 72 years old. He has been in the coal business in Topeka for about thirty years, and is well known here.

Several months ago Mr. Cook was slugged and knocked unconscious at his office at 701 East Seventh street. Sunday he was stricken with apoplexy and was found lying in the rear entrance of his office in a semi-conscious condition. He was taken to the hospital, and physicians yesterday believed he would recover.

The attack which resulted in Mr. Cook's death is believed to have commenced Friday night, as he appeared at the office Saturday morning showing its effect in a partial paralysis of his limbs of which he complained to S. O. Shipley, his office assistant.

"I helped him to the doctor's office and visited him twice later in the day at his room at 304 West Eighth street," said Mr. Shipley. "Knowing Dr. Ernest was in attendance, I did not call on him Sunday morning. He died late in the afternoon from the effects of the stroke."

He had been found lying in the rear doorway of the office at 700 East Seventh street and had been sent to the St. Francis hospital.

"He was evidently unconscious when found which was between 4 and 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon. I know of no relatives of Mr. Cook in this city. There is a sister in Denver who has been summoned."

THREATEN STRIKE.

Western Union Operators Will Take
Vote on Action.

St. Louis, March 29.—A strike of the union operators of the Western Union Telegraph company was threatened today as a result of the recent discharge of forty members of the local union from the company's employ. A strike vote will be taken today by 300 union telegraphers still employed by the company.

REMAIN NEUTRAL.

Rumania Declares She Will Not Take
Sides in War.

Berlin, March 29.—The Bucharest correspondent of the *Frankfurter Zeitung* telegraphs his paper that Rumania will continue to maintain neutrality. The paper professed to have obtained information that the Rumanian ambassador has signed such an agreement.

RUSSIA KNOCKS
AT BACK DOORFleet Is Bombarding Turkish
Forts on the Bosphorus.Ships of the Allies Hammer at
the Main Entrance.

NAVAL ACTIVITY IN BALTIC

Several of the Kaiser's Vessels
Have Been Damaged.Gen. Von Kluck Has Been
Wounded in Battle.

BULLETIN.

London, March 29.—The roar of hostile guns is shaking Constantinople. Russian shells are falling within 12 miles of the sultan's palace. For the first time in history, the sultan's capital has been bombarded from the air.

London, March 29.—Russia is again today knocking at the back door of Constantinople by bombarding the Turkish forts on the Bosphorus, but with what success is not yet definitely known. As to the front door of the Turkish capital, the Dardanelles, the only news is the monotonous reiteration of the report that the mine sweepers of the allies are continuing their work and that weather conditions still prevent a resumption of the bombardment by the fleet. Constantinople declines to accept the weather as an excuse for the halt in the attack and claims that since March 18 weather conditions have been so good that Turkish aeroplanes have been flying over the warships of the enemy in and about the Dardanelles.

Unofficial reports from neutral points in the vicinity of the scene of operations indicate a resumption of activity. They set forth that a long distance shelling of the interior defenses has been commenced by the battleships. Following Russian naval activity in the Baltic, Petrograd claims that the operations on this sea of Russian warships have resulted in damage to several German units and that the Germans have been compelled materially to restrict their movements.

German submarines have been active off the English and Irish coasts and the liner *Falaba*, reported in distress in the Bristol channel, may be one of the victims.

From a diplomatic standpoint, observers in London are speculating hopefully on the reorganization of Balkan leagues and the possibility of a visit to Bulgaria of Field Marshal Tsereteli.

G. SCHMIDT DEAD

Veteran Tailor in Topeka for
Last 25 Years.Died at Hospital After Three
Weeks' Failing Health.

G. Schmidt, a tailor in Topeka for nearly a quarter of a century, died this morning at St. Francis hospital. He was 50 years of age and owned a tailor shop at 804 Kansas avenue. He lived in the Veale block.

Mr. Schmidt was well known here and was a member of the Elks and Eagles lodges. He had been at his present location for several years. His health began to fail him three weeks ago and he grew gradually worse until he died.

Mr. Schmidt is survived by his wife, who is in Minnesota at the present time. He has no children. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

AUSTRIA MAKES OFFER

Another Effort to Keep Italy Out of
World War.

Paris, March 29.—Austria has made a definite offer to cede Italy a part of the province of Trent in the case of the war, the Petit Parisien's Rome correspondent says he has been informed. He adds the proposal was made on the basis of the Italian government deferred its reply.

CHIVALRY IN WAR.

Frankfort, Germany, March 29.—Chivalry still persists in modern warfare, as is proved by the experience of a non-commissioned officer in a Baden regiment, who was wounded in the recent fighting at La Bassée between the Germans and the British. In one of the repeated charges by which the celebrated bricklayers changed hands so often, the non-commissioned officer led his squad to within fifteen yards of the British trenches, where he fell wounded by six bullets. His comrades, who were forced to fall back to their own trenches fifty yards away, tried to carry off the body of their supposed dead leader but were unable to do so owing to the heavy fire. Twenty-four hours later the British discovered that the wounded officer was still alive and called to him to get back to their trenches, promising him good treatment. He was unwilling to do so and instead raised himself on his elbow and called to his friends: "Come back. I don't want to be a prisoner of the English." The Germans shouted to the British a request for permission to bring in the wounded man. The British promised not to shoot and two German soldiers ventured boldly out of their trenches, crossed the intervening space and carried the wounded man back, not a shot being fired and both British and Germans joining in cheers. The story is printed with approving comment in the German papers.